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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: The Korean Situation

I. Military Situation

Summary

Enemy resistance increased in the Wonsan area as elements of the ROK 3rd Division advanced to within eight airline miles of the outskirts of that important port city. In the central area, ROK units met heavy enemy artillery fire, but occupied Hwachon, 8 miles north of the 38th Parallel. UN units continued to assemble north of Seoul in the Kaesong area, and advanced patrols are meeting heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire north of Kaesong. Scattered enemy units in southern Korea continued sporadic harassing action against UN supply lines and installations.

Ground

An estimated enemy regiment opposed elements of the ROK 3rd Division in its advance along the east coast road to within eight airline miles of Wonsan. Other elements of the ROK 3rd Division moved inland and occupied Anbyon, approximately 9 miles south of Wonsan. Elements of the ROK Capital Division, moving north against negligible enemy opposition on roads 20 miles inland from the east coast, reached the town of Hoeyang, 30 miles south of Wonsan. In central Korea, the ROK 6th Division occupied Hwachon and drove two enemy battalions out of the city to the north. The ROK 8th Division encountered stiff enemy resistance just across the 38th Parallel at the town of Yonchon in the main Seoul-Wonsan corridor. The ROK 7th Division became the fifth major UN unit to cross the parallel as it advanced northeast from Uijongbu to take Yongpyong. Elements of the US 1st Cavalry Division met strong enemy resistance north of Kaesong. Scattered enemy units continued harassing action in South Korea and with one group of 1500 raiding the central city of Kusan.

Navy

There was no significant enemy activity on either coast, but UN patrols continued to sight and destroy enemy mines. The first UN supply ship berthed successfully at Kusan.

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Air

Pilots continued to report numerous enemy vehicle convoys moving in North Korea with the general trend of the movement south towards Pyongyang and Wonsan.

II. General Situation

No significant developments have been reported within the past 48 hours.

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